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- Researchers at cybersecurity firm UpGuard found large amounts of Facebook Inc. user information inadvertently posted publicly on Amazon.com Inc.'s cloud computing servers as a result of the company's years-long practice of sharing this kind of information with third-party developers before a recent crackdown. A Facebook spokesperson said the company is working with Amazon to remove the 100,000 open databases, noting the company's policies prohibit storing such information in a public location. (Bloomberg)

- Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts introduced The Corporate Executive Accountability Act, which would broaden some corporate executives' criminal liability when Americans'

personal data is breached. Warren wrote about the legislation in a Washington Post op-ed this morning, saying "personal accountability is the only way" to make sure executives "think twice before ignoring the law." (The Verge)

- In a publicly released letter, at least 25 prominent researchers called on Amazon to halt sales of its facial recognition technology to law enforcement agencies because of its reported biases against women and people of color. The group of researchers, which includes experts from Google, Facebook and Microsoft Corp., argued the technology cannot be properly used without regulation. (The New York Times)

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